GALLATIN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



AQA Workshop

The second Animal Quality Assurance workshop will <u>start</u> at 1:30 PM, **March 28th** at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria. The workshop should last about 1½ hours, and will be immediately followed by the Marketing workshop.



Marketing Workshop - Required This Year

The Marketing workshop will be held **March 28** at 3:28 PM, it will immediately follow the AQA workshop. Get tips and ideas on bringing a buyer to the sale and keep them coming back. Guest speakers from our buyer community and older members will be present to help you practice your "sales pitch" to potential buyers. Remember the Market Sale committee is requiring this workshop for you to sell this year. If you have participated in at least two sales the committee would like for you to help present at the workshop or you may bring your marketing packet (what you use when you talk to your buyer) into the office by March 24 for review by Livestock Sale Committee (you may be excused from attending the workshop if you bring in your marketing plan).

Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring a couple dollars for your meal. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

Shooting Sports Training: Laurel, MT

The next Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Training will be held at the Laurel Rifle Club in Laurel on May 1-2, 2009. All disciplines, which include rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading, hunting, archery, coordinator, and cowboy action, will be offered. The Friday night session on 4-H and risk management will be from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Saturday discipline training is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. The registration deadline is April 20th. The fee is \$50 for adult leaders and \$25 for teen leaders who must work under trained adult supervision. Saturday's lunch is provided. Registrants will receive a full agenda and a map to the facility the week before the event. Pick up registration form and pre-test at the Extension Office.

Revised Council Bylaws

The Unlimited Leaders Council has diligently been updating their operating bylaws to reflect changes in the way business is conducted. Significant changes have been suggested and we require the 4-H membership to review and make comment before the bylaws are put into action. Please take a look at them and present any comments and concerns at the April 14th Unlimited Leaders Council meeting. A draft of the bylaw revisions is available at the office for your review or as a .pdf document on the 4-H website, www.gallatinextension.com.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

<u>May 1st is the Drop/Add Project Deadline</u>: May 1st is the last day to drop or add projects. 4-Hers must be enrolled in a project to participate at the Summer Fair. If you have been working in a project area, make sure you are enrolled in that project. If not, you will need to add it to your enrollment. Contact our office at 388-3213 to make sure.

<u>Fair deadlines</u>: Summer Fair is July 15-19. Entry deadline for fair is <u>June 30</u>, late entries will be accepted with a late fee from July 1st to July 7th. <u>ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES AFTER JULY 7TH, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!</u>